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The undersigned herewith requests the Examiner to consider the art listed in the attached Disclosure Statement (PTO 1449) in examination of the above referenced U.S. patent application. A GB search report is also enclosed.

DE 198 16 054 A1 (see figures 1 to 3 with associated discussion), DE 198 01 884 (see page 3 line 60 to page 6 line 2 as well as claims 1 to 19 thereof), DE 100 57 474 A1 (see figure 1 and 2 with associated description), and DE 43 36 288 C1 (see figures 1 to 3b and associated description) all disclose optical detection systems for motor vehicles having a camera optics disposed on the vehicle and a control device for controlling focal lengths and the field of view of the camera optics. The control device is adapted for coupling to a signal generator and control of the camera optics and the field of view are carried out in dependence on signals from the signal generator.

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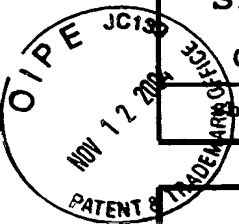
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